

In the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** An abrading tool, comprising:

a base having first and second base ends;

a handle extending from the base and having first and second handle ends;

an abrasive element releasably secured to the base;

a first cam mechanism pivotally attached to the ~~base~~ first handle end and including a first cam body extending from a first axle; and

a second cam mechanism pivotally attached to the ~~base~~ second handle end and including a second cam body extending from a second axle, the first and second cam mechanisms being adapted to releasably secure the abrasive element to the base.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The abrading tool of claim 1, wherein the first each cam mechanism includes a first pivot arm capable of rotation about the first axle with a cam body extending from the pivot arm, and the second cam mechanism includes a second pivot arm capable of rotation about the second axle,

the first cam body exerting compressive force against the base when the first pivot arm is rotated into [[in]] a locked position, the first cam body being disengaged from the base when the first pivot arm is rotated in an unlocked position, and

the second cam body exerting compressive force against the base when the second pivot arm is rotated into a locked position, the second cam body being disengaged from the base when the second pivot arm is rotated in an unlocked position.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The abrading tool of claim 2, wherein the first and second cam body is bodies are manufactured from a compressible material.

4. **(Original)** The abrading tool of claim 2, wherein each cam mechanism includes a lock to secure the pivot arms in the locked positions.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The abrading tool of claim 4, wherein each lock includes a ledge extending from one of the ~~base~~ handle first and second handle ends, the pivot arms being adapted to rotate past the ledges, the pivot arms having an inner recess, the inner recess having an arc of rotation, the ledge lying in the arc of rotation.

6. **(Original)** The abrading tool of claim 4, wherein the abrading tool is made of plastic.

7. **(Original)** The abrading tool of claim 1, further including a compressible layer provided on a bottom surface of the base.

8-20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(New)** The abrading tool of claim 1, wherein the first handle end includes a first mounting groove adapted to receive the first axle, and the second handle end includes a second mounting groove adapted to receive the second axle.

22. **(New)** The abrading tool of claim 21, wherein the first axle is secured between the first mounting groove and the base, and the second axle is secured between the second mounting groove and the base.

23. (New) A method of releasably attaching an abrasive element to an abrading mechanism, comprising:

providing an abrading mechanism comprising a base, the base including first and second base ends, the base further including a handle extending from the base, the handle including first and second handle ends, the first handle end including a first pivotally attached cam mechanism, the first cam mechanism including a first cam body extending from a first axle, and the second handle end including a second pivotally attached cam mechanism, the second cam mechanism including a second cam body extending from a second axle;

providing an abrasive element for releasable attachment to the base, the abrasive element including first and second ends;

rotating the first cam mechanism such that the first cam body is disengaged from a top section of the first base end;

rotating the second cam mechanism such that the second cam body is disengaged from a top section of the second base end;

positioning the first end of the abrasive element between the top section of the first base end and the disengaged first cam body;

positioning the second end of the abrasive element between the top section of the second base end and the disengaged second cam body;

rotating the first cam mechanism such that the first end of the abrasive element is engaged between the first cam body and the top section of the first base end; and

rotating the second cam mechanism such that the second end of the abrasive element is engaged between the second cam body and the top section of the second base end, thereby releasably attaching the abrasive element to the abrading mechanism.